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Worship Service
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Re-Discover the Church

Lesson Five • Acts 2:37-47

Congregational Worship

Re-Discovering the Church Is a God-Given Means to a Glorious End.

Jesus Christ builds His church to be kingdom outposts of true **WORSHIPPERS**.

Matthew 16:18-19; John 4:21-24; Acts 2:37-47

Re-Discovering Congregational Worship as a Church.

We gather to be a local, visible **WITNESS** of true worshippers.

Ephesians 3:10; 1Corinthians 11:10

Re-Discover Congregational Worship

1. Who Gathers for Congregational Worship?

God's "Called Out" Assembly – Acts 2:37-42

- **SAVED** sinners.
- **BAPTIZED** believers.
- **MINISTERING** members.
- **DEVOTED** disciples.

What About Unsaved Seekers or Attenders? 1Corinthians 14:24-25

2. When Do We Gather for Congregational Worship?

"first day of the week" – Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19, 26; Acts 20:7; Corinthians 16:1-2; Acts 2

"in the Spirit on the Lord's day" – Revelation 1:10

Sunday Is the **FIRST** Day of a **WEEK** of Worship

- The **PRIMACY** in God's redemptive fulfillment.

- The **PATTERN** of the New Testament Early Church.
- The **PROMISE** of the Coming Kingdom and New Creation.
- The **PRIORITY** in our daily lives.

"We should consider it the great end of our existence to found numbered among the worshippers of God." – John Calvin

3. Where Do We Gather for Congregational Worship?

We Gather as a "Local Church" – 1Corinthians 11:18; 14:20

- A **GEOGRAPHICAL** location in a specific place.
- A **PHYSICAL** location with a gathered people.

4. Why Do We Gather for Congregational Worship?

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To **preach** the Word, **hear** the Word, **sing** the Word, **pray** the Word, **see** the Word, and **obey** the Word.

Then We Scatter as the Church to Live and Share the Word!

"praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:47;

"So then those who were scattered because of the persecution...made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word..." Acts 11:19

"While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13:2-3

What Is Congregational Worship?

Our weekly commitment to the risen Lord that joyfully expresses our identity and destiny as a called-out assembly for His glory, our good, and the joy of all peoples.

Handout: Seven Commitments to Re-Discover Congregational Worship